



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

Crossbow Permit Application

When applying for a Crossbow permit, the attached application must be completed and signed by the applicant and the applicant's physician.

Physicians please note: The applicant's disability must be a **permanent** physical disability and as a result of that permanent physical disability, the person cannot operate a conventional bow or compound bow. The physician must provide a narrative in terms that a lay person can understand, as to how the permanent disability directly affects the applicant's ability to operate a conventional or compound bow. If there is any question of the applicant meeting the criteria, the applicant is subject to a review by a medical review board at the expense of the applicant.

Applicants please note: Successful applicants will receive a crossbow permit that is valid for the lifetime of the applicant unless revoked by the director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. You will still be required to purchase the appropriate hunting licenses and stamps each year.

The law allows individuals with a permanent disability preventing them from using conventional archery equipment to apply for a lifetime permit to use a crossbow. Written certification from a physician attesting to the disability will be part of the application process

RETURN TO:

**Crossbow Permit
MassWildlife
1 Rabbit Hill Road
Westboro, MA 01581**

www.masswildlife.org

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Field Headquarters, One Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581 (508) 792-7270 Fax (508) 792-7275

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Applicant's Section

Please type or print clearly. All incomplete applications will be returned without consideration.

Name of Applicant

Date

Street and Mailing address

Daytime phone

City/Town

State

Zip

Home phone

Date of Birth

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

I attest that I have a permanent physical disability and as a result of that disability cannot operate a conventional bow or a compound bow

Applicant's Signature

Date

Permittee subject to pains and penalties of perjury for making false statements

Official Use

Permit No:

Date Issued:

Applicant's Name:

Birthdate:

Physicians Section

*** Physicians Please Note ***

Please type or print clearly.

Name of Physician

Mailing address

Phone Number

Do not certify this applicant unless you are convinced this is a permanent physical disability that meets the requirements of M. G. L. c. 131 s. 69 which is included in the application material.

I certify that this is a Permanent Physical Disability.

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Please describe in detail the Permanent Physical Disability: (Attach additional pages if needed)

Indicate how this Permanent Physical Disability prohibits the individual from using a conventional bow or compound bow:

Physicians Signature

Date

This application is subject to medical review at the expense of the applicant.

GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TITLE XIX. AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION.

CHAPTER 131. INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES.

Chapter 131: Section 69. Bows and arrows for hunting.

Section 69. A person shall not carry or use a bow and arrow while hunting unless said bow and arrow meet such requirements as may be set by rules and regulations which the director is hereby authorized to promulgate. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe general design, weight of pull, and type of bows and arrows, and shall conform to standards generally accepted for bows and arrows used for hunting purposes. Nothing in this paragraph shall permit the use of crossbows by any person other than a person who is permanently disabled such that the person cannot operate a conventional bow and arrow, as certified by a licensed physician. Any costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation, re-evaluation of the information or a second medical opinion are the responsibility of the applicant claiming a permanent disability. The issuance of a crossbow permit under this section shall be subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the director.